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1. REF AIRGRAM NOTIFIED ADDRESSEES OF DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL
OF U.S. NAVY PARTICIPATION IN IANCCO, FORMERLY IANCA, SUB-
JECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS. THE CONDITIONS INCLUDED "(A)
CONSULTATION WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRIES OF THE COUNTRIES
WHOSE NAVIES HAVE INDICATED AN INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN
IANCA, TO DETERMINE THAT AT LEAST SIX OF THEM CONCUR IN
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PRINCIPLE WITH THE CONCEPT AND THAT THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT
OPPOSITION AMONG THE MAJOR SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONS..."

ADDRESSEES WERE REQUESTED TO DISCUSS IANCCO WITH APPROPRIATE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEIR GOVERNMENT CONCURRED IN PRINCIPLE WITH THE CONCEPT AND IN THE DESIGNATION IN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF A U.S. ADMIRAL TO HEAD THE ORGANIZATION WHICH WOULD BE LOCATED IN PUERTO RICO.

2. DEPARTMENT APPROVED INCLUSION OF IANCCO AS A U.S. NAVY AGENDA ITEM FOR THE SEVENTH INTER-AMERICAN NAVY CONFERENCE, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR BUENOS AIRES IN APRIL 1973. THE ORGANIZATION WOULD COME INTO EXISTENCE IF SIX NATIONS CONCURRED IN PRINCIPLE. THUS FAR FOUR NATIONS HAVE AGREED TO PARTICIPATE BUT DEFINITE RESPONSES ARE LACKING FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRIES OF ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CHILE, COLOMBIA, AND PERU. A DECISION MUST BE MADE SOON WHETHER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROPOSAL.

3. ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN AUTHORITATIVELY FROM HOST GOVERNMENT, THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHETHER IT APPROVES IN PRINCIPLE THE IANCCO CONCEPT AND THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE ORGANIZATION. WE DO NOT RPT NOT REGARD AS ADEQUATE OR AUTHORITATIVE THOSE CASES WHERE THE MATTER HAS SIMPLY BEEN REFERRED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO THE NAVY FOR ACTION OR COMMENT.

4. FOR SANTIAGO: WE RECOGNIZE POLITICAL COMPLICATIONS MENTIONED REFTEL B AND CONCUR IN YOUR APPROACH. A FIRM DECISION FROM THE NAVY ON CHILE'S PARTICIPATION IS STILL REQUIRED. RUSH

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